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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION (INFCE)

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- 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, POLITICAL COUNSELOR MET WITH MFA NUCLEAR AFFAIRS EXPERT JOHAN LIND ON AUGUST 10.
- 2. LIND SAID GOS WELCOMED MOST RECENT US PLANNING FOR INFCE AND, WHILE OFFICIAL SWEDISH RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AT LATER DATE, HE COULD SAY NOW THAT GOS MOST ASSUREDLY WOULD INDICATE ITS DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE. FOCUSING ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, LIND SAID SWEDISH INTEREST COVERS ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYCLE EVALUATION BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE NUMBER OF FIELDS IN WHICH GOS WILL SEEK PARTICIPATION IS, AT THIS STATE, UNKNOWN. INTEREST IS MOST INTENSE PERHAPS IN THE AREA OF REPROCESSED WASTE STORAGE, ACCORDING TO LIND. HE ADDED THAT THE GOS HOPES FOR FAIRLY QUICK RESULTS FROM THE RESEARCH CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AT STRIPA MINE PROJECT BY US AND SWEDISH TECHNICIANS UNDER A BILATERAL

AGREEMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF WASTE STORAGE IN ROCK CAVERNS. HE SAID SUCH RESULTS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION NOT ONLY TO THE INFCE PROGRAM BUT, AS WELL, TO THE CRUCIAL DEBATE NOW TAKING PLACE HERE REGARDING THE ACCEPTABILITY TO THE TOVERNMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY SWEDISH NUCLEAR POWER COMPANIES FOR REPROCESSING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT. LIND ADDED THAT SWEDEN WOULD ALSO HOPE TO ENGAGE ITSELF FULLY IN THE DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 4 OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE.

- 3. LIND ASKED WHETHER THE US ENVISAGED PURELY TECHNICAL EXPERTS BEING PROVIDED BY PARTICULAR GOVERNMENTS OR WOULD POLICY MAKING-LEVEL AUTHORITIES TAKE PART INSTEAD. POLCOUNS SAID HE ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE A REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH BUT WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO CHECK WITH WASHINGTON.
- 4. COMMENT: GOS' LIKELY REACTION, AS DESCRIBED BY LIND, WAS EXPECTED BUT NEVERTHELESS MOST WELCOME. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS WELL AWARE, SWEDISH CONCERN OVER NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, TO A REMARKABLE EXTENT, IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF US. GIVEN THE ACUTE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEM FACING THE GOS ON THE QUESTION OF REPROCESSING AND WASTE STORAGE, WE BELIEVE LIND'S IDENTIFICATION OF THESE AREAS AS THE PRIMARY SWEDISH INTEREST IS CORRECT AND LOGICAL. THE SWEDES, WE BELIEVE, WILL BE AMONG THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MOST ENTHUSIASTIC AND COOPERATIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EVALUATION. PERRY

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